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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF CHARGES OF US ARMS SALES  
TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. TANZANIAN PRESS IN LAST FEW DAYS HAS FOCUSED ON CHARGES  
THAT US INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE MILITARY SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA  
IN RECENT YEARS.

2. PARTY DAILY UHURU OF JULY 15 DEVOTED EDITORIAL TO HOUSE  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE TESTIMONY BY SEAN  
GERVASI WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY UHURU AS FURTHER "PROOF" OF  
WESTERN INTENTIONS TO ARM SOUTH AFRICA. "IT SHOWS US MORE  
CLEARLY THAT IMPERIALISTS ARE ALWAYS IMPERIALISTS." GOVERN-  
MENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF JULY 16 CARRIED FEATURE ARTICLE ON  
US-SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS RELATIONSHIP, DEVELOPED THROUGH AN  
ITALIAN "CONNECTION," AS EXPOSED BY THE FEBRUARY BULLETIN OF  
SOMETHING CALLED THE TRANSNATIONAL INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON.  
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3. DAILY NEWS ALSO MENTIONED VISITS BY SEVERAL AMERICANS TO  
SOUTHERN AFRICA: GENERAL WILLIAM YARBOROUGH, FOUR TIMES TO  
RHODESIA; ROBIN MOORE, TO RHODESIA; AND ADMIRAL ELMO ZUMWALT,  
NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. ARTICLE ALL BUT INVITES READERS TO  
CONCLUDE THAT THESE PEOPLE, ALTHOUGH "RETIRED" AND ON "PRIVATE"  
VISITS, HAD A ROLE IN SUPPORTING WHITE MINORITY REGIMES ON

BEHALF OF USG.

4. COMMENT: MOST TANZANIANS WHO FOLLOW THE COUNTRY'S PRESS  
ARE BY NOW PROBABLY CONDITIONED TO BELIEVE THE WORST ABOUT US  
AND SOUTH AFRICA AND WOULD NOT BE MUCH INFLUENCED BY ALLEGATIONS  
ON US ARMS SALES. A LIMITED NUMBER OF OPEN-MINDED TANZANIANS,  
HOWEVER, COULD BE INFLUENCED BY ALLEGATIONS, WHICH IN THESE  
INSTANCES WERE PRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS AS  
FACT.

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